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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Tommy D. Lee
SURESH JEYACHANDRAN, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/170,656)
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Filed: October 14, 1998)
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR PERFORMING A)
SPECIFIC PROCESS)
BASED ON A SETUP)
CONDITION, AND A)
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR)
SUCH A PROGRAM) October 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

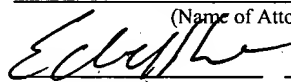
Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination has been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended to October 12, 2004 (Tuesday following the Columbus Day holiday) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the application as follows:

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